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In re Application of	:	
Phillips et al.	:	
Application No. 10/017,435	:	DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: December 14, 2001	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)
Attorney Docket No. 2222.0820003	:	

This is a decision on the petition, filed January 10, 2005, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) to revive the instant non-provisional application for failure to timely notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark (USPTO) of the filing of an application in a foreign country, or under a multinational treaty that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing. *See* 37 CFR 1.137(f).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner states that the instant nonprovisional application is the subject of an application filed in an eighteen-month publication country on May 10, 2002. However, the USPTO was unintentionally not notified of this filing within 45 days subsequent to the filing of the subject application in an eighteen-month publication country.

In view of the above, this application became abandoned pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) for failure to timely notify the Office of the filing of an application in a foreign country or under a multilateral international agreement that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.

A petition to revive an application abandoned pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) for failure to notify the USPTO of a foreign filing must be accompanied by:

- (1) the required reply which is met by the notification of such filing in a foreign country or under a multinational treaty;
- (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and
- (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date of the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional.

The instant petition has been found to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.137(b). Accordingly, the failure to timely notify the USPTO of a foreign or international filing within 45 days after the date of filing of such foreign or international application as provided by 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

The previous Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i) has been rescinded. A Notice Regarding Rescission of Nonpublication Request which sets forth the projected publication date of April 28, 2005 accompanies this decision on petition.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 2655 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3206.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liana Chase". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Liana" and last name "Chase" clearly distinguishable.

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ATTACHMENT: Notice Regarding Rescission of Nonpublication Request